



Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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CITES EXPORT PROGRAMS

RETURN TO:

Division of Management Authority
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700
Arlington, VA 22203
1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

Type of Activity: American Ginseng Export Program

STATE OR TRIBE: _____

HARVEST YEAR: _____

PREPARED BY: _____

*(Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild
Fauna and Flora)*

You may indicate "No Change" for all items where your response is identical to information previously submitted.

Below, please provide the amount of ginseng harvested.

SOURCE OF GINSENG	HARVESTED (lbs.)	CERTIFIED (lbs.)	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ROOTS PER POUND
WILD*			
ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED*			

Program administered by (Department or Agency name):

Ginseng certification by (Department or Agency name):

Has your State or Tribe's enabling legislation, ginseng regulations or ginseng certification form been modified in the last year? If yes, please provide a copy.

Does your agency certify all wild ginseng harvested? If no, when would your agency not certify wild ginseng harvested in the State or on the tribal lands, and can uncertified ginseng be sold or transported outside the State or Tribe?

Does your agency certify all artificially propagated ginseng harvested? If no, when would your agency not certify artificially propagated ginseng harvested in the State or on the tribal lands, and can uncertified ginseng be sold or transported outside the State or Tribe?

When does your agency certify wild/artificially propagated ginseng (e.g., at time of harvest, at time of sale)?

How does your agency handle wild/artificially propagated ginseng entering the State or Tribe from another State or Tribe? Is this procedure the same for both certified (by another State or Tribe) and uncertified ginseng?

*Artificially propagated plants are defined under 50 CFR 23.64.

Do all resident and non-resident individuals and companies dealing in (i.e., buying or selling) ginseng in your State or Tribe have to be registered or licensed? If no, please explain.
Can wild and/or artificially propagated ginseng be sold at any time during the year?
How often are dealers required to report the sale, purchase or export of ginseng (e.g., monthly, quarterly)?
Do you track unsold and/or un-exported ginseng from one season or one year to the next? Please explain.
What is the wild ginseng harvest season in your State or Tribe?
Does your State or Tribe have a harvest season for artificially propagated ginseng? If so, what is it?
Within the wild and artificially propagated ginseng reported above, are there other sub-categories of ginseng production that you track in your State or Tribe? If so, please describe each sub-category (e.g., woodsgrown, wild simulated) and, if available, what quantities have been harvested and certified?
Is there a minimum allowable size/age for harvest of wild and/or artificially propagated ginseng in your State or Tribe?
Is harvest of wild ginseng allowed on State or tribal lands?
Does your State or Tribe require ginseng diggers to have written permission from private landowners before harvesting? Do dealers need to supply copies of these written permissions when having ginseng certified?
Please provide the average age of wild-harvested ginseng from your State or tribal lands?
Please provide an estimate of the average number of roots per pound (dry weight) of wild ginseng harvested in your State or on your tribal lands for the most current season, and describe the methodology you used to calculate the estimate.
Does your State or Tribe require or encourage diggers to plant seeds from harvested wild ginseng plants at the site of harvest? If so, please describe any guidelines. Does your State or Tribe allow diggers to plant ginseng seeds from other sources (e.g., commercial sources)?

Based on your information, what is the effect of the current harvest level of American ginseng in your State or on your tribal lands on the wild population? (positive, negative, no impact)

Please provide your assessment of the status of ginseng in the State or on your tribal lands (i.e., stable, increasing, declining). If population levels are declining, please provide the State or Tribe's professional assessment of the reason for the decline and any steps being taken to address it.

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a brief description of any research, including ginseng population monitoring, being conducted in your State or Tribe on American ginseng.

Please provide details of any ginseng-related violations found and/or prosecuted in your State or on your tribal lands during the last year.

Data Sheet for Wild American Ginseng

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* Present abundance of ginseng:
0=absent, 1=rare, 3=frequent

** Trend in wild ginseng populations:
-2=extirpated, -1=decreasing, 0=stable, +1=increasing

Paperwork Reduction Act and the Privacy Act – Notices

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised that:

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by:
 - (a) Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), [Title 50 Part 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\)](#);
 - (b) Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), [Title 50 CFR Part 17](#);
 - (c) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), [Title 50 CFR Part 21](#);
 - (d) Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et. seq.*), [Title 50 CFR Part 18](#);
 - (e) Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), [Title 50 CFR Part 15](#);
 - (f) Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42); Injurious Wildlife, [Title 50 CFR Part 16](#);
 - (g) [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(TIAS 8249\)](#); [Title 50 CFR Part 23](#).
 - (h) General Provisions, [Title 50 CFR Part 10](#);
 - (i) General Permit Procedures, [Title 50 CFR Part 13](#); and
 - (j) Wildlife (Import/export/transport), [Title 50 CFR Part 14](#).
2. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the above [laws](#). Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 1018-0130, which expires August 31, 2006.
3. Certain applications for permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two [laws](#).
4. Routine use disclosures may also be made:
 - (a) To the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation;
 - (b) Of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigation or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulations, order or license;
 - (c) From the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of that individual (42 FR 1903; April 11, 1977);
 - (d) To subject matter experts, and State and other Federal agencies, for the sole purpose of obtaining advice relevant to issuance of the permit.
5. For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.
6. The public reporting burden on the applicant for this information collection varies depending on the activity for which a permit is requested. We estimate the relevant burden for this permit application varies from 2 to 85 hours. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.

Freedom of Information Act – Notice

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (*i.e.*, permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(i)].